

NEWSLETTER

Brenham Christian Academy

July 2010



Happy Fourth of July! And...Take a Moment

One of my favorite hobbies, other than reading a deliciously written classical novel, is studying famous speeches by American Presidents. Over the weekend, I read President George Bush's speech accepting the Republican presidential nomination in 1988. President Bush concluded his eloquent speech by leading the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Imagine being at the convention when every attendee stood and placed his or her hand, over his or her heart, and recited with unity the Pledge of Allegiance. *What a moment in time!*

On July 2, 1776, America's Declaration of Independence was adopted and two days later on July 4, 1776, it was ratified. For the first time in history, principles of equality, justice, and freedom under God became the foundation for a nation. *Another, amazing moment in time!* This Fourth of July, as the stars and stripes are raised in celebration, take a moment to thank God for His providential hand on our country, and the privileges and responsibilities this great nation affords us. May we be a people that obediently and continually praises and prays to the Lord of all (II Chronicles 7:14).

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

God bless you,
Mrs. Marley

Monthly Scripture

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

Great Things Are Happening at BCA!

1. All of our staff and faculty positions are filled and the school schedule has been completed. It is a record for our school to have all the faculty and staff positions filled, and “ready to go” by the end of June!
2. The Library was moved in two days! Thanks to Mr. Dahlquist, Penny Dahlquist, Coach Tarbutton, and his assistants for moving the Library so efficiently!
3. Mrs. Roehling is busy this week getting the Library re-organized and it is looking great!
4. Mrs. Dettling finished the last couple of pages of the 2009-2010 Yearbook, and it is ready to go to print!
5. Mrs. Kiemsteadt accepted the position of Honors Course Coordinator and has been busy working with teachers in order to fine-tune our academic Honors Program. She has targeted the 8th, 9th, and 10th grades for this first year. However, all of the teachers will be working with her on improving Honors requirements and instruction.
6. We will have a “new look” in the Science room when the students return! Mr. & Mrs. Talafuse found science lab equipment and Science classroom furniture from a school in East Texas. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Talafuse and to those who helped move the Science furniture and equipment!
7. BCA will add the 3rd grade this year – tell all of your friends!!
8. Coach Tarbutton was voted as the Class 1A representative to the TAPPS Athletic Executive Committee (AEC). Congratulations, Coach!
9. In May, Dr. Anderson completed athletic physicals for the upcoming school year. This was a huge help to Coach Tarbutton, and a wonderful gift to the BCA athletes and their families. Thank you, Dr. Anderson!
10. Mr. Morissette and Mrs. Kiemsteadt are working together to augment 9/10th History with Pre-AP goals, objectives, and course work.
11. Ms. Styers is working with Mrs. Marley and Mrs. Kiemsteadt to develop an Honors 8th grade Reading and English over the summer. She will be attending a Pre-AP English/Literature workshop this summer.
12. Mrs. Foster is creating an Algebra I - Pre-AP program, in addition to our regular 8th grade Honors Algebra I course.
13. Carmel Smith was hired as our Marketing and Development Coordinator. A generous donation was gifted to BCA to augment our staff with this important position.
14. Mrs. Keller and Tammy Dettling are working as a team to organize the curriculum, so that teachers can make changes or refine curriculum goals and objectives.
15. Principle Approach training for teachers on August 9th and 10th – these sessions are designed to challenge Christian school teachers to lead the way with the essential tools of Principle Approach instruction. Teachers who are “full...ready...exact” will impress and inspire the next generation to be likewise.
16. Principle Approach Parent meeting on August 9, 2010 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – this session is designed to challenge parents to adopt a Godly vision for their children and adopt worthy goals and methods for parenting from models in Scripture and history.
17. Praise God, for the 99 students we have enrolled to date!
18. Thank you to Carol Sowers who organizes the “Prayer Team.” Prayer is a vital part of the mission and vision of our school.

"Carmel's Corner"

Marketing and Development News

I am very excited to join BCA as the new Director of Advancement! The position will include, but is not limited to, fundraising, recruiting, and public relations. I want to thank the anonymous donor who is providing for this position and tell you that I will do my best to advance the school in these areas.

As we look to the upcoming school year, the Celebration Benefit will be here before we know it. Please mark October 14, 2010, on your calendar as this is the confirmed date. It is a bit earlier than last year so we will be working throughout the summer to prepare. We will need volunteers to help with the details as the event draws near. If you are willing to be put to work for our big fundraiser, I would certainly love to know where you would be most comfortable. God has given each of us unique talents and I hope you will put those to work for the benefit of the school.

I would also like you to be thinking ahead toward football season and a Kickoff Tailgating Party. Our first home game is September 10, 2010, at 7:00. We think it would be a great opportunity to show our support for the team and a chance to fellowship, and eat, together before the game. We would also like to use this as an opportunity to reach out to families who have shown interest in our school. You are our best recruiters! I personally think we're a pretty great group of people once you get to know us. I hope you agree and will think about whom we can include in the fun. For those of you who have not attended a BCA football game, you have no idea what you are missing. To me they are a highlight of our school year and I hate to see the season end.

Many great things have been happening at the school, not the least of which is the generosity shown to us by way of a significant donation! BCA has once again been the recipient of a very generous donation of \$30,000 to be used to supplement our upcoming school year. While this is excellent news for our future, we are still in need to close out the '09-'10 school year. Although it appeared that we were out of debt at the time of our last board meeting, further study of our budgetary needs demonstrates we need approximately \$14,800 to close out the year in the black. Though this number has been reduced greatly since our informational meetings on the budget, our "get well" number still remains at \$14,800. This deficit is strictly related to the past school year. We are asking you to consider helping to further reduce this number to zero so we can start our new year with a clean slate. Please be in prayer about how you can help with this need as well as increasing our enrollment for the upcoming year. If you know of anyone who might be a prospective student, please let me know and I will gladly contact them.

Also, please let me know if you are aware of an opportunity to showcase the school or if you have any questions. Thank you for allowing me this wonderful opportunity to come alongside you to make BCA the best it can be.

Faithfully yours,
Carmel

Announcements

We would like to let you know that if your child is interested in applying to Texas A&M, Baylor or UMHB please see the following dates:

Texas A&M - The application opening date is August 1, 2010 and the deadline is January 15, 2011. It is best to apply early if interested.

Baylor- The application will be available online on July 15th. If you apply online there is no fee.

baylor.edu/admissions

Early enrollment - apply no later than Nov. 1st and this is HIGHLY preferred.

If you apply after Feb. 1st you are subject to space availability.

You can contact Chris Munson (admissions counselor for Brenham) at chris_munson@baylor.edu.

UMHB- Applications for the 2011-2012 year are already being accepted. Students who may be interested in applying need to do so as soon as possible. You can contact Elizabeth Webb (recruiter for the Brenham area) for more information. Her email address is ewebb@umhb.edu.

**Parents please return your summer packets to the office as soon as possible.
The office will need the remaining summer weeks to process the forms.**

First Day of School is August 16, 2010



August 13, 2010 ~ 3rd and 4th grade Meet the Teacher
August 19, 2010 ~ Parent Orientation 6-7:30 pm @ BCA campus

Cheer News

We would like to take this time to inform you of some of the exciting things that we have planned during the summer for both our Varsity and Junior High Cheer Squads. We are planning "conditioning/stunting" sessions for every Monday from 4:30pm-6:00pm starting June 21, 2010 and going through July 19, 2010.

BOTH SQUADS: INFORMATION

On Aug 6th we will have our cheer lock-in. We will start at 6:00pm and it will go through Aug 7th till 9:00am. We will need parents to supply snacks, drinks, dinner and breakfast. If you are interested in helping with any of these areas, please e-mail us back and let us know what you would like to help with.

We also have the opportunity to work out at Kinetics this summer. Keep in mind, this is optional. The dates we are considering are July 6, 8, 13, and 15. The price is \$25 per cheerleader per session and will include condition, tumbling, jumps, stunts, and cheer technique. The time is from 1:00 to 3:00 and will be held at the Kinetics facility. Please let us know soon if you are interested in signing up.

VARSITY: INFORMATION

As you probably all know, we had a WONDERFUL time at camp and the girls worked SO HARD! You all would have been so proud of them! We had the most wonderful chapel times. This is why we pick FCC (Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders) for our camp experience for both squads. FCC is in its 25th year and holds a standard of excellence, not only in their physical standards but especially their spiritual standards. Our girls are given an opportunity to worship and grow with the Lord daily while at camp and the staff speaks the word continually over the girls in everything they do. This year the theme was "AMBUSH" and we had 269 campers on the SAGU campus along with the coaches and the FCC staff, which are top athletes from all over the country. Thank you for the opportunity to spend the week with your daughter – I was truly blessed!

This year our practice day has been moved to Monday's from 3:00-6:00pm. Which means that we will lose 1 hour per week, so it is imperative that your daughter be at all practices, ready to go! Also, Homecoming has been moved up to October 1, 2010. This makes bonfire night on September 30th. This is taking about 3 weeks off of our "normal" practice times for Homecoming. With that being said, we will **definitely** have Saturday practices to get ready for Homecoming. I will send you all a schedule of the practice times and the football schedule separately from this letter.

JUNIOR HIGH: INFORMATION

The girls had an awesome week at camp. They all worked very hard and it showed during their performance on Thursday! We have such a great team with so much potential. I can't wait to see great things they will do this next year.

Our practices this fall will be each Wednesday and Friday from 3:00 to 5:00. Homecoming is October 1, with bonfire night being September 30. It is extremely important that each girl comes to all practices – especially before Homecoming. I will send you more information regarding Homecoming once school begins. You will also receive a schedule of practice times and a football schedule including a list of our travel games.

Thank you so much for all of your support! We are looking forward to this year with BCA Cheer!

Shannon Armstrong

Tammy Dettling

Brenham Christian Academy 2010-2011 School Calendar

First Semester

June 1-4	Varsity Cheer Camp in Waxahachie, Tx	Sept. 27-Oct. 1	Homecoming Week and Football Game
June 7-10	JV Cheer Camp at BCA	Sept. 30	Homecoming Bonfire
July TBA	TAPPS AD Mtg & Training	Oct. 1	Homecoming Game
July 29	Board Meeting 6 p.m.	Oct. 2	Homecoming Dance
August 2-13	Varsity Sports: 2-a-day workouts	Oct. 4	Guardian Eagles Mtg. 5:30 p.m.
August 5	1 st Varsity Volleyball Scrimmage Away	Oct. 8	3 rd & 4 th grades Oil Ranch Trip
August 5-6	New Employee Training 9 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (All new teachers/staff)	Oct. 11	Board Meeting
August 6-7	Cheer Lock-in 6p.m.-9 p.m. @BCA	Oct. 13	PSAT Test
August 7	Student Council Retreat 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 14	Report Cards- End of 1 st quarter
August 8	Principle Approach Board Presentation 7-8 p.m.	Oct. 14	Fall Celebration for BCA and Early Release
August 9	Principle Approach Parent/Teacher Presentation 7:30- 8:30 p.m.	Oct. 15	No school
August 9-10	Principle Approach Training 8a.m.-3:30 p.m. (All teachers & staff)	Oct. 18	First Day of 2 nd 9 weeks (2 nd quarter)
August 10	Board Meeting 6 p.m.	Nov. 1	Picture Retakes
August 11-12	In-Service 8 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Bloodborne Pathogens/School Safety (All staff/teachers/coaches)	Nov. 1	Guardian Eagles Mtg. 5:30 p.m.
August 13	Meet the Teacher Night 3 rd & 4 th grade	Nov. 5	Progress Reports
August 14	Varsity Football Home Scrimmage	Nov. 5	7 th grade Knights of the Round Table
August 16	First Day of School	Nov. 8	Board Meeting 6 p.m.
August 19	JR/SR College Information Mtg 5:30 p.m-6 p.m. & Parent Orientation 6-7:30 p.m. @BCA campus	Nov. 11	4 th -6 th grade Veteran's Day Production 2:30 p.m.
August 21	Varsity Football Scrimmage Away	Nov. 17-18	7 th -10 th grade History Fair
Sept. 3	Progress Reports	Nov. TBA	Herff Jones info Day
Sept. 6	Labor Day Holiday	Nov. 19	5 th Grade Liendo Plantation Trip
Sept. 10	1 st Home Football game	Nov. 22 -26	Thanksgiving Holidays
Sept. 13	Grandparents Day Chapel	Dec. 2	Christmas Carol Play
Sept. 13	1 st Guardian Eagles Mtg. 5:30 p.m.	Dec. TBA	Herff Day Order Day
Sept. 13	Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 3	Progress Reports
Sept. 15	Early Release @ 12 noon for Wash. Co. Fair/Teacher In-Service	Dec. TBA	Christmas Stroll- Downtown Brenham
Sept. 27	School Pictures	Dec. 9-10	3 rd -6 th grade Christmas Caroling
Sept. 22	See you at the Pole	Dec. 13	Board Meeting 6 p.m.
Sept. 24	Progress Reports	Dec. 15-17	Exams (Early Release 12:30)
		Dec. 17	End of 1 st Semester (2 nd 9 weeks)
		Dec. 17	Make up Exams only-Teacher Workday/Report Cards
		Dec. 20-Jan 4	Christmas Holidays

*See Athletic schedules for dates of games

*Service Project Dates will be added at a later date.

*We work hard to adhere to our school calendar; however, there are times when changes are beyond our control.

*Please check the RENWEB monthly calendar for updates or changes of dates.

Second Semester

Jan. 4	Student council Planning 3 p.m.-6p.m.	May 2-3	Eighth Grade Retreat
Jan. 4	Teacher In-service	May 4	3 rd & 4 th Grade Ag Day Field trip
Jan. 5	First Day of 2 nd Semester (3 rd quarter)	May 5	Romeo and Juliet 7 th grade
Jan. TBA	Wash. Co. Spelling Bee	May 6	Maifest Holiday-No School
Jan. TBA	TAPPS Art & Academic Mtg	May 6	Junior/Senior Prom
Jan. 10	Guardian Eagles Mtg. 5:30 p.m.	May TBA	Board Meeting 6 p.m.
Jan. 10	Board Meeting 6 p.m.	May 9	Awards Ceremony NHS
Jan. 17	MLK Day Holiday- No School		Induction/Athletic Awards Banquet and 8 th grade Graduation/Luncheon
Jan. 20	Parent Mtg. Dual Credit 5:30-6:30 p.m. 9 th & 10 th grade	May 17-18	Senior Finals
Jan. 21	Progress Reports	May 20	Jr./Sr. Graduation Practice @BCA 11 a.m.
Jan. 24-26	STUCCO Missions Week	May 20	6 th Grade NASA Field Trip
Jan. 27-28	All Staff/Faculty ACSI Inservice	May 21	Jr./Sr. Graduation Practice @ Blinn 9 a.m.
Jan. 27-28	Student Holidays	May 21	Graduation
	NO SCHOOL for students	May TBA	Senior Trip
Feb TBA	Senior Class Portraits	May 24	4 th grade Field Day
Feb. 7	Guardian Eagles Mtg. 5:30 p.m.	May 25 – 27	Exams (school half days)
Feb. 10	Open House @6:00-7:30 p.m.	May 27	Make-up Exams Only/Teacher workday-Report Cards
Feb. 4	History Fair Regionals	May 30	Memorial Day- No School
Feb. 11	History Fair Regionals		
Feb. 11	Progress Reports		
Feb. 14	Board Meeting 6 p.m.		
Feb. TBA	TAPPS Speech (High School)		
Mar. 4	Report Cards- End of 3 rd quarter		
Mar. 7	Guardian Eagles Mtg. 5:30 p.m.		
Mar. 7	First Day of 4 th 9 weeks (4 th quarter)		
Mar. 11	High School Spring Dance		
Mar. 14-18	Spring Break		
Mar. 7	Board Meeting 6 p.m.		
Mar. TBA	8 th Grade Speech Meet		
Mar. 28	Pastor Appreciation		
April 1	Progress Reports		
April 1	4th-6 th grade UIL at FBCS		
April 4	Guardian Eagles Mtg. 5:30 p.m.		
April 11-15	Stanford Achievement Tests		
April 11	Board Meeting 6 p.m.		
April 21	5 th -6 th grade Lion, Witch, and Wardrobe Play @ 2 p.m.		
April 22	Good Friday- No School		
April 25	Easter Monday- No School		
April 29	6 th grade Campout		
April 29	Progress Reports		
May 2	Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.		
May 2	Guardian Eagles Mtg. 5:30 p.m.		
May 2	Senior Chapel		

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Join *Gideon's 300*

God continues to broaden the scope of what BCA can and should offer to the communities it serves and to expand its reach into Brenham and the surrounding area. However, broadening our reach and building leaders through Christian scholarship requires investment, and that investment begins with each of us. Our generous gifts to BCA express our belief in our school, our programs, and our commitment to see our students make a difference wherever they are. Every gift to BCA works in a number of practical ways:

1. Improves the quality of education BCA students receive through better course offerings, improved teacher training, and more extracurricular activities
2. Expands and improves our facilities so that we can serve more students
3. Is tax deductible – your gift helps BCA, and it may reduce your tax liability at the same time
4. Helps us be good stewards of God’s blessings and keeps them coming

Your voluntary financial gift helps BCA fulfill its mission to you, our students, and to generations of BCA students to come. By joining *Gideon's 300*, you become part of the ‘army’ God is raising to stand with BCA against the onslaught of popular culture.

At present, you may direct your gift in one of several ways:

Building & Construction Fund

The BCA Facilities Team is exploring the construction of a building that would include an area large enough to serve as a chapel, gymnasium, auditorium, and lunchroom. The building could also house other key spaces such as a library and science lab. Such a building would then allow conversion of all rooms presently used for these purposes into classrooms, further fueling BCA’s growth.

Scholarships & Financial Aid

BCA helps qualified students attend school through its scholarship and tuition assistance program. The leadership of BCA believes that no deserving student should be denied access to a BCA education because of financial obstacles. An outside resource evaluates each financial need individually to ensure confidentiality and objectivity.

Unrestricted Gifts

Allows BCA to use the funds in the area of greatest need

Yes, I want to join *Gideon's 300*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please direct my gift as follows (select one):

- Building & Construction
- Scholarships & Financial Aid
- Unrestricted

Level of Support (select one):

- Warrior \$25,000+
- Swordsman \$10,000-24,999
- Archer \$5,000-9,999
- Armor Bearer \$1,000-4,999
- Lamp Holder \$600-999
- Trumpeter \$300-599
- Soldier \$0-299

My Commitment to BCA:

- One time gift of \$_____ (enclosed)
- Monthly gift of \$_____

Thank you for your support!